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In the Application of:

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Preparation and Use

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box New Patent Application
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Dear Sir:

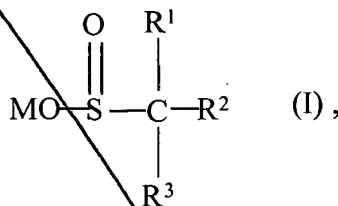
Please consider the following amendments before examination on the merits.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

*Please cancel claims 20-22.**Please amend claims 1-18 as follows:*

1. (Amended) A sulfinic acid compound of the formula (I)

and the salt thereof, wherein

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